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Dislocated Workers to Receive Assistance

Watertown – Governor Jim Doyle announced today the availability of additional reemployment services for workers who lost jobs or suffered reduced work hours as a result of increased imports. Eligible workers include all workers of Johnson Controls, Inc., System Products Division, Actuator Production, Watertown and Johnson Controls, Inc., System Products Division, Software Duplication Production, Watertown, Wisconsin, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 27, 2004 through June 23, 2007.

“I am pleased that we are able to offer additional assistance to these workers,” Governor Doyle said. “Some of Wisconsin’s most hard working and highly motivated workers have faced tough economic times, and this additional federal funding will help them get back into the workforce.”

The services, administered by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), are available through local Job Centers. The services are funded through the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program. They include retraining and reemployment services tailored to meet the needs of the individual workers. Major activities and services for which these workers may qualify are:

- **Training** for employment in another job or career.
- **Income Support**, known as trade readjustment allowances (TRA).
- **Job Search Allowance** to cover expenses incurred in seeking employment outside normal commuting areas.
- **Relocation Allowances** for approved relocation expenses to relocate to a new area of employment.

“This federal funding will increase our capacity to serve all workers in the area, as we reconnect unemployed workers to employment as quickly as possible,” said DWD Secretary Roberta Gassman.

Individuals interested in receiving reemployment assistance should contact a local Job Center or visit the DWD Internet site <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/dislocated/default.htm>. Call 888/258-9966 toll-free to find the nearest Job Center location.